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SPOT LIGHT  
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# The Spot Light



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*of*  
BESSEMER HIGH SCHOOL

1948





## FOREWORD

*"All the world's a stage  
And all the men and women  
Are merely players."*

*—Shakespeare.*

The curtain is going up! Bessemer High School is presenting with pride its first issue of **THE SPOT LIGHT**. After months of preparation and trepidation the stage is set. The purpose of this year book is to give our public an opportunity to see our school in action—just as it is with all its hopes, dreams, trials, and errors.

The name, **THE SPOT LIGHT**, suggests a play with all its excitement and anticipation. Our students are the players and you, our public, make up the audience. We wish to depict our school life focusing the spot light upon classes, clubs, and sports. In these pages we shall re-enact for you the school's most memorable events, enhancing the actors so that their performances while in school will live forever in the pages of this book.

As the lights of the school year go down and the actors wait breathlessly behind the curtain, we hope that as you turn the pages you will relive with us the joy and pride which we have experienced in compiling our annual. We hope too, that the future senior classes of Bessemer High School will keep **THE SPOT LIGHT** burning down through the years so that it may become a tradition and an inspiration to the students of tomorrow.



## *DEDICATION*

We, the members of the class of 1948, wish to make our dedication of this, the first edition of *THE SPOT LIGHT* a two-fold one. We should like to dedicate it in first part, to our former principal and friend, Mr. W. E. Younts, for his help and leadership during our first three years of high school. In second part, we should like to dedicate it to our present principal, Mr. W. H. Cude, under whose guidance our school has continued to go forward during his first year as principal.



# ADMINISTRATION

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## PERSONNEL OF COUNTY OFFICE

EUGENE D. IDOL, *Superintendent*  
SALLIE B. NEWMAN, *Director of Elementary Education*  
MITTIE E. HILL, *Secretary*  
CHARLES ALDERMAN, *Business Manager*  
PAUL HUFFINES, *Assistant*

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## COUNTY BOARD

J. H. JOYNER, *Chairman*  
HOWARD E. CARR  
E. T. COBLE  
H. A. MILLIS  
ZACK L. WHITAKER

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H. C. LOWDERMILK, *Chairman*  
EMORY C. COBLE  
C. H. DONNELL  
HARRY MURRAY  
JOHN W. SHARPE

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## SCHOOL SONG

Hail Bessemer High School!  
We lift our hearts to thee  
And may we always be,  
Loyal to thee.

Though years will come and go,  
Our hearts will ever flow,  
With pride and loyalty,  
High School so dear.

# FACULTY

WENDELL H. CUDE

Principal, Mathematics

A.B., Guilford College, Post Graduate Work, Duke University, Post Graduate Work, University of North Carolina.



MARIETTA S. ALLEN

Mathematics, Social Studies

University of Tennessee, George Peabody College for Teachers, A. B., Woman's College, U. N. C.



*All Good Wishes  
Iva Arvin.*

IVA BRUCE ARVIN

Commercial Education

Averett College, Danville, Va., Danville, School of Commerce, B. S., Radford College, Woman's Division of V. P. I.

EDNA ROBINSON CLAPP

Librarian, English

Graduate, Western Carolina Teachers College, A. B., High Point College, George Peabody College for Teachers.



AVIS DICKENS GUILL

English

B. S., Converse College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

*Chance, you have  
many possibilities.  
I hope you take up  
Dramatics. I wish  
Dr.*

ELBERTA M. MILLER

Eighth Grade, French

A. B., Greensboro College, Post Graduate Work, Woman's College, U. N. C.



WARREN OMOHUNDRO

Science, Athletic Coach

B. S., Wake Forest College, Post Graduate Work, University of North Carolina.

*Best wishes to a  
very dear friend.  
Marietta S. Allen*

*Best wishes to a  
very dear friend.  
Elberta M. Miller*



*Best wishes -  
Mabel Robertson*

MABEL ROBERTSON

Home Economics

B. S., Guilford College, Post  
Graduate Work, Woman's Col-  
lege, U. N. C.



LOZELLE CAMPBELL

Second Grade

Graduate, Western Carolina  
Teachers College, Appalachian  
State Teachers College, Univer-  
sity of North Carolina.

ISABEL COX CUDE

Third Grade

Guilford College.

*Mrs. Cude*



ETHEL FIELDS

Second Grade

Appalachian State Teachers Col-  
lege, Woman's College, U. N. C.

VANNIE FRYAR

First Grade

Woman's College, U. N. C.,  
George Peabody College for  
Teachers.



EDITH HILL HENDRIX

Fifth Grade

Graduate, Union Academy, Wes-  
terfield, Indiana, Woman's Col-  
lege, U. N. C.

*I have enjoyed know-  
ing you.*

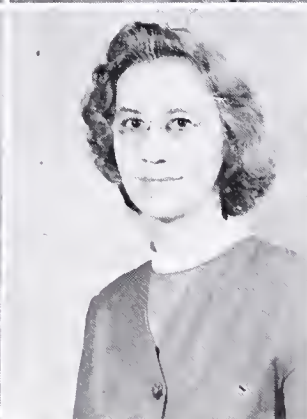
*Mrs. J. J. Hendrix*

*Here is to "Babe" and  
the "Twin"!*

EDITH A. HOLT

Fourth Grade

B. S., Asheville College.



JENNIE RAYE MORTON

Fourth Grade

A. B., Salem College, Post  
Graduate Work, Woman's Col-  
lege, U. N. C.

*Best of luck to  
a sweet girl  
Edith Holt!*

DAPHNE ADELE REES

*Fifth Grade*

A. B., Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Post Graduate Work, Eastern Carolina Teachers College.



ELIZA B. STALLINGS

*First Grade*

Woman's College, U. N. C.



WILSIE WALKER

*Seventh Grade*

Woman's College, U. N. C.



THETTIS SMITH HOFFNER

*Piano, Glee Club Accompanist*

B. S., Woman's College, U. N. C., Organ Lessons, Guilford College.



MAURICE BUNTING

*Glee Club Director*

Soloist, First Baptist and Grace Methodist Churches, Studied with Francis Thorne, Washington, D. C.



CELIA STOWE

*Dietitian, Cafeteria Manager*

B. S., Woman's College, U. N. C.



MADELINE N. FLINT

*Sixth Grade*

A. B., Elon College.

WITHOUT PICTURES

HELEN JONES

*Eighth Grade, Latin*

B. E., Woman's College, U. N. C.

FRANCES RANDOLPH

*Third Grade*

Graduate, Eastern Carolina Teachers College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

LYLA WILLS WILLCOX

*First Grade*

A. B. High Point College, Woman's College, U. N. C.

FRANCES C. HIGGINS

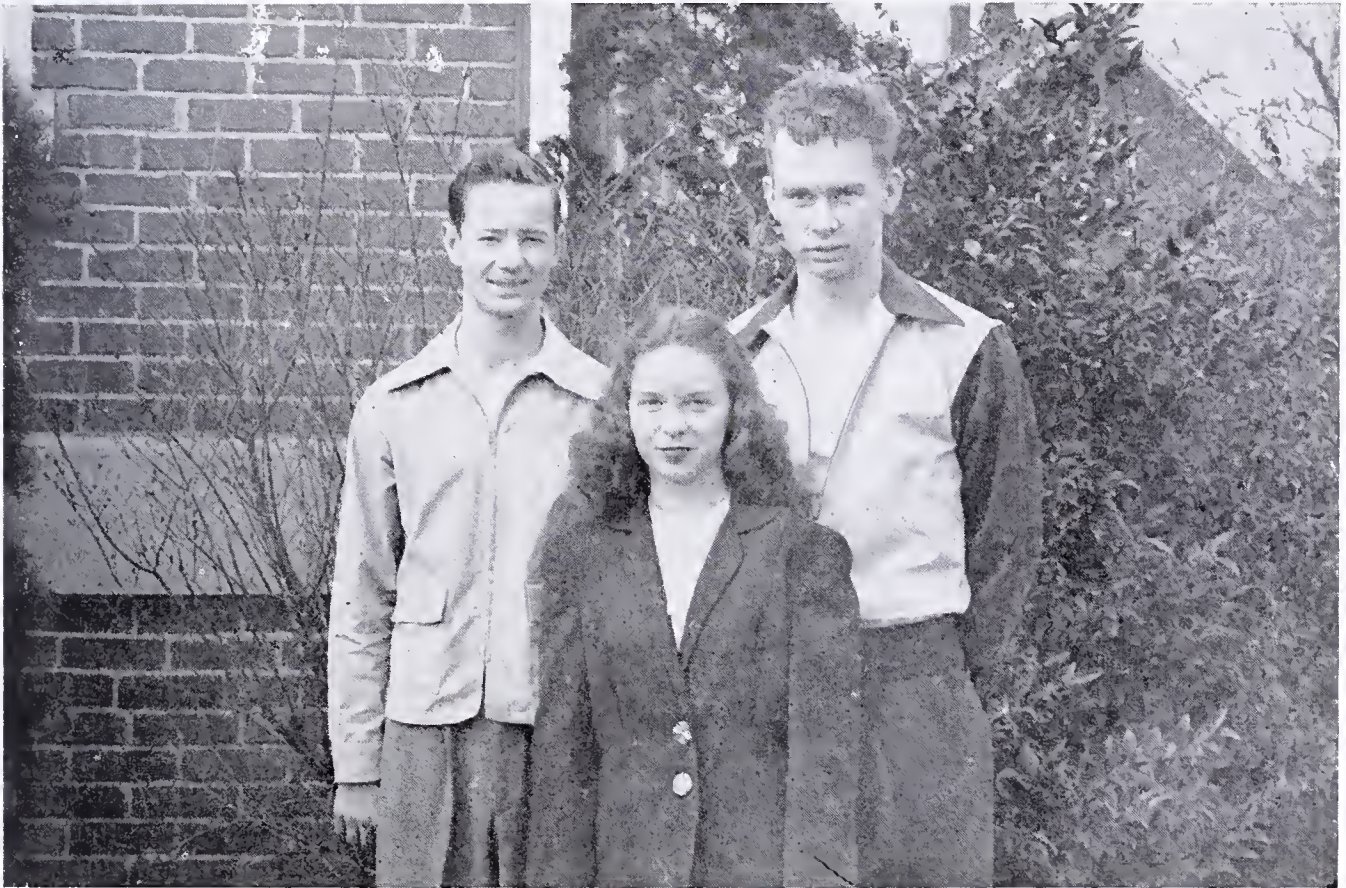
*Seventh Grade*

ELIZABETH HOWELL

*Sixth Grade*



# SENIORS



JAMES BREWER  
*President*

WALTER CAGLE  
*Vice-President*

MARION GERRINGER  
*Secretary-Treasurer*



*Best wishes  
in your future  
life at B.H.S.  
Arrie*

JOHN ALLEN

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; School Bus Driver 2, 4.

Most Sophisticated

*John Allen*



ARRIE AMMONS

Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Secretary Class 2; Future Homemakers of America Club 3; Conservation Essay Contest—School Winner of N. C. 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Assistant Librarian 3, 4; D. A. R. Dressmaking Contest 4; Secretary-Treasurer 2.

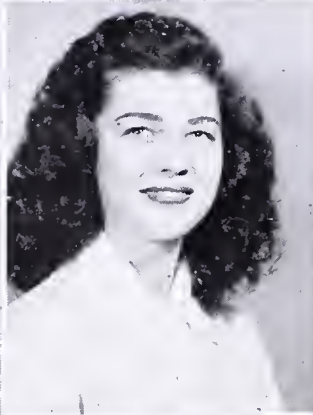
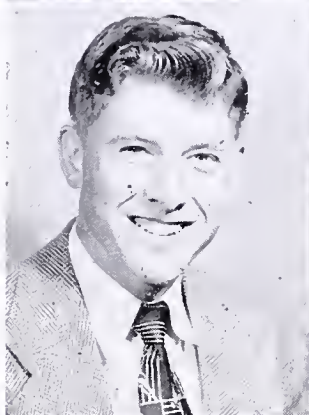
Most Dependable

J. B. BARBER

Baseball 2, 4.

Best-All-Around

*Best wishes to a  
sweet girl. Nice  
knowing you.  
J.B.*



ERLEENE BASON

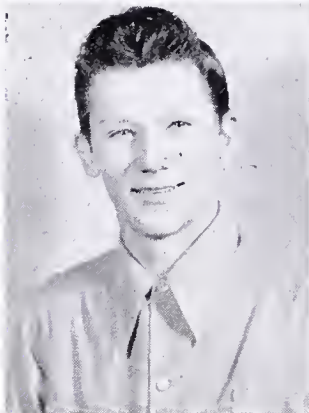
Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cub Reporter 4; Senior Scout 1, 2, 3, 4.

Biggest Applepolisher

GUY BEAVER

Basketball 3, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Conservation Essay Contest School Winner 3.

Laziest



GYPSIE BERCKMAN

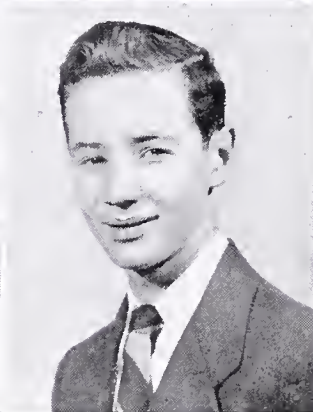
Greensboro High School 1; Glee Club 1; Choir 1; Glee Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Future Homemakers of America Club 3; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

Most Popular

FRANCES BLAKE

Rankin High School 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2.

*For a very  
nice person  
James Brewer*



JAMES BREWER

Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; President Class 4; Annual Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4.

Most Studious

*Lots of luck  
James Brewer*

*Good Luck Tomboy "*  
*"Hank"*

HERBERT BURNEY  
Travel Club 3.  
Biggest Woman-Hater



*Lots of luck Eleanor "*  
*Frances Bush*

FRANCES BUSH  
McLeansville High School 1, 2;  
Rankin High School 3; Glee  
Club 2.  
Laziest

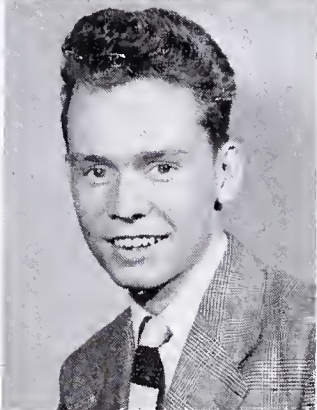


WALTER CAGLE

Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Dramatics  
Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-President Class  
4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball  
3, 4.

Most Popular

*Walter Cagle*



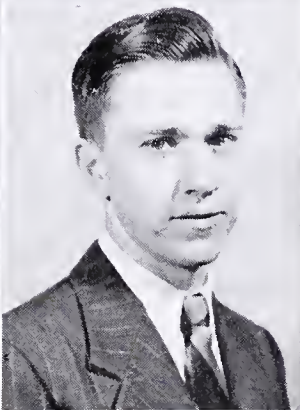
ROBERT R. CHAMBERS

Dramatics Club 3, 4.

Most Attractive

*Best of luck.*

*Bobby Chambers*



FAY DONNELL

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary  
4; Newspaper Staff 4; Girls' Ath-  
letic Association 3; Office Assis-  
tant 2, 3, 4.

Class Baby

*To a sweet girl*  
*Wish you*  
*guessed and*  
*happiness for*  
*VIRGINIA FERGUSON*

Nathaniel Greene High School  
1, 2; Vice-President Class 1;  
Cheerleader 2; Glee Club 1, 2;  
Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary  
4; Glee Club 4; Newspaper Staff  
4; Annual Staff 4; Girls' Athletic  
Association 3.

Most Original

*Virginia*

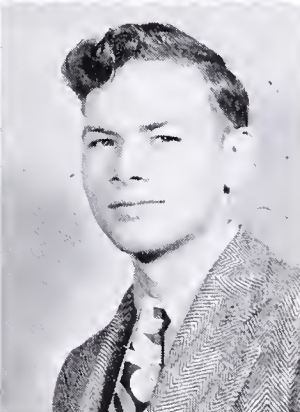


WILLIAM ELLIS

Basketball 2, 3; Football 4; Mana-  
ger 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4;  
Monogram Club 3, 4; Glee Club  
4.

Most Original

*William Ellis*



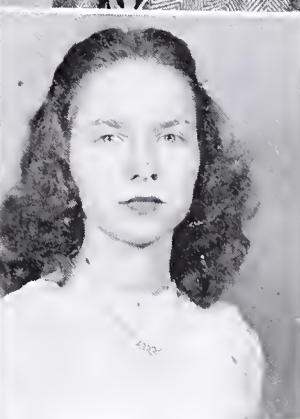
MARION GERRINGER

Secretary-Treasurer Class 4;  
Newspaper Staff 3, 4; D. A. R.  
Representative 4; Glee Club 1, 2;  
Future Homemakers of America  
3; Annual Staff 4; Assistant in  
Commercial Department 4; Girls'  
Athletic Association 3; Saluta-  
torian.

Most Studious

*Good-luck.*

*Marion*  
*Gerringer*





*Ellen Hackett*

ELLEN HACKETT

Girls' Athletic Association 3.



*James Hall*

JAMES HALL

Oak Ridge Military Institute 1, 2; Rifle Club 1, 2; Camera Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 4.

Biggest Applepolisher



*R. W. Hepler*

R. W. HEPLER

Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4 Captain; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

Most Athletic



*Katie Hill*

KATIE HILL

Glee Club 3, 4; Basketball 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Marshal 2; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

Most Sophisticated



ANNA LAURIE JORDAN

Monogram Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Basketball 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

*To a real girl  
Ann Laurie Jordan*

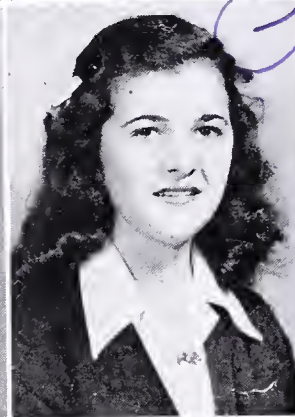


*Peggy Kelly*

PEGGY KELLY

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 2; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; President Class 1; Basketball 2.

Biggest Man-Hater



WILLIAM LEWEY

Glee Club 4.

Most Dependable

*To a nice girl  
William Lewey*



BILLIE SUE LONG

Girls' Athletic Association 2; Future Homemakers 2; Vice-President 2; President Class 1, 2; Senior Scout 2, 4; Secretary 2, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Cheerleader 4; Dramatics Club 4.

*To a nice girl  
Billie*





*Lots of luck to a swell girl!  
Norma*

# NORMA LEE LOWDERMILK

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary Class 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Secretary-Treasurer Class 3.

Best Dressed



*Lots of luck to  
a swell girl.  
Rebecca*

REBECCA LOWDERMILK  
Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

Most Talented

# RACHEL LOWE

Glee Club 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Future Homemakers of America 3.

*May the best  
always be at hand  
for you. You're a  
swell girl Rachel  
Lowe*



# MARJORIE MANESS

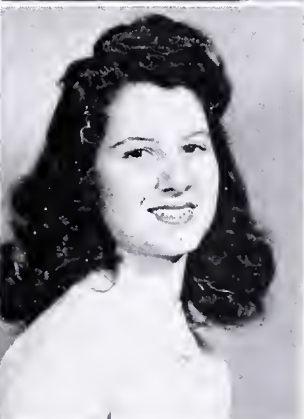
Proximity School 1; Glee Club 1.

*Good luck to a swell  
person.  
Marjorie*

# JEWELL MOTLEY

Girls' Athletic Association 3.

*We wish you  
the best of luck.  
Jewell Motley*



# GERALDINE O'BRIANT

Glee Club 1, 4; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 3; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

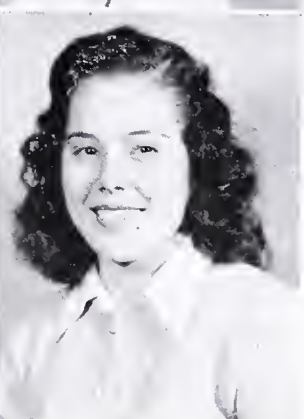
*Best wishes  
"Gerry"*

# IRIS O'FERRELL

Girls' Athletic Association 3; Vice President 3; Senior Scout 3, 4; President 4; Cheerleader 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; President 4; Basketball 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

Best-All-Around

*Always yours,  
Iris*



# MARY ANN PHILLIPS

Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 2; President 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Secretary 4; Marshal 2; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Captain 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; D. A. R. Representative 3; Civitan Award 3; Girls' Athletics Association 3; Valedictorian.

Most Athletic

*Write to me,  
the class of '51.  
Mary Ann Phillips*

### FRANCES ROBINSON

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2; Basketball 2.

*Most Conceited*



*Foy Royal*

### FOY ROYAL

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3; Football 2.

*Class Baby*

### DOROTHY SHARPE

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3.

*Biggest Liar*

*Good Luck to a*



*Betty Squires*

### BETTY SQUIRES

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; President 1; Monogram Club 4; Basketball 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Secretary 3; Travel Club 3; President 3.

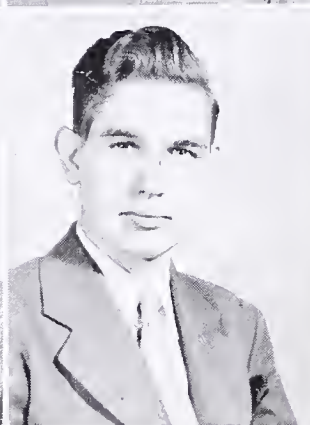
*Wittiest*

### R. L. SWING

Monogram Club 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

*Wittiest*

*R. L. Swing*



### HAROLD TEETER

Oak Ridge Military Institute 2; Rifle Club 2; Glee Club 2; Choir 2; Eagle Scout 2; Dramatics Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Travel Club 3.

*Most Conceited*

*Harold Teeter*

### RICHARD TROLLINGER

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Football 4; School Bus Driver 4.

*Biggest Liar*



### CEDELIA WAGONER

Gibsonville High School 1, 2; 4-H Club 4, 2; Secretary 2; Girls' Athletic Association 3; Basketball 4.

*Cedelia Wagoner*

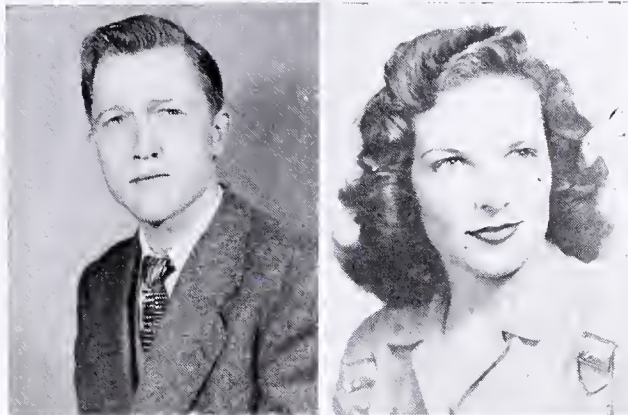


*Morris Whitley*

MORRIS WHITLEY

Dramatics Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Basketball 4.

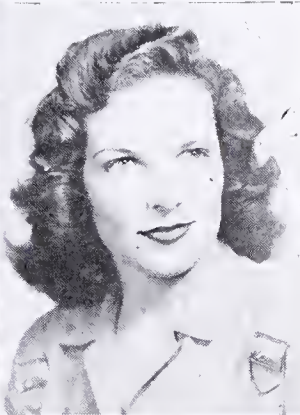
*Most Talented*



NANCY WILLIAMS

Glee Club 2, 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Cheerleader 2.

*Most Attractive*

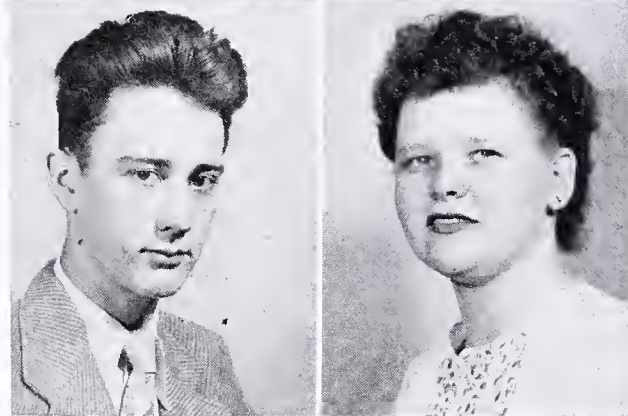


WILLIAM B. WOOD

President Class 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief Newspaper 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief Annual 4; Basketball 3; Civitan Award 4.

*Most Likely to Succeed*

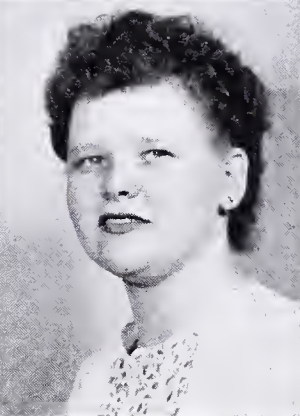
*Bill Wood*



LUCILLE WOODARD

Glee Club 2, 4; Dramatics Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball Manager 2; Newspaper Staff 3; Cheerleader 2.

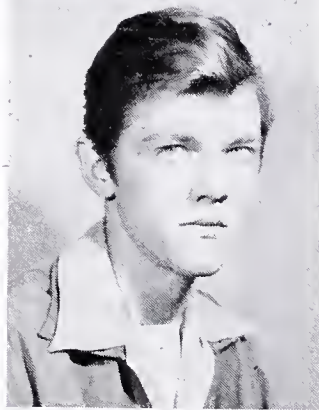
*Most Likely to Succeed*



J. B. WYRICK

Driver School Bus 3, 4; Basketball Manager 4; Monogram Club 4.

*Best Dressed*



MASCOTS

Nina Jean Freeze

Eddie Peterson



WITHOUT PICTURES

BETTE ROBINSON  
JOHNSON

VERNIE W.  
STRICKLAND, Jr.



# CLASS HISTORY

By IRIS O'FERRELL

It is the last chapel program that we as high school seniors will attend. Today we are wearing serious expressions to match our caps and gowns. As we march sedately down the aisle to our front row seats, we realize that we have come a long way since our first day in school when forty-five excited boys and girls stumbled down the aisle to their side seats.

We are conscious of the fact that there is a speaker who has been invited for our special benefit but we soon realize, however, that his voice is only a background for our thoughts which are drifting back to the past.

We see ourselves as first graders when Miss Fryar and Mrs. Willcox tied our shoes and kept us out of mischief. We even remember a play given by us as first graders. The outstanding performers that we recall were: R. L. Swing as a baker and Norma Lowdermilk as an angel—how they have changed!

Although the following years were not so exciting, we now see that they were the basic steps leading to high school.

The excitement of our homerooms being in the high school building and the privilege of changing classes came to us in the eighth grade. The boys and girls were becoming interested in each other at that early age, but what a great disappointment we had when we were pushed into separate rooms.

As time passed our minds drifted back to our freshman year in high school. We shall long remember the party our grade parents gave us at the Battleground club house.

Adding the twelfth grade meant that we were sophomores, but we really felt that we represented the junior class. Our faculty advisers were Mrs. Iva Arvin and Mr. T. S. Cheek. The high light of this year came when we, acting as juniors, presented the Junior-Senior banquet at the O. Henry ballroom.

Upon entering our junior year we again had the feeling that we were not juniors, but seniors. We had no graduating class that year; although Ruby Whitley, Alice Grubbs Hornaday, Anna Laurie Smith, Kenneth Vaughn, Chester Pierce, and Eugene Wrenn completed the required work and received their diplomas. We honored these graduates with a party at the Vick Chemical Company club house. Our newspaper, *The Mouth Piece*, was re-established that year. Bill Wood was Editor-in-Chief with Mary Ann Phillips as his assistant. Mrs. Garland Clapp and Miss Dixie Guill were faculty advisers. Mrs. Arvin's commercial department mimeographed the papers.

Our senior year with the leaders—James Brewer, President; Walter Cagle, Vice-President; and Marion Gerringer, Secretary-Treasurer—has been a year of many changes. Mr. W. E. Younts, former principal has retired and Mr. W. H. Cude is now carrying on as principal. *The Mouth Piece* is no longer a mimeographed paper but a printed one.

Of course the Junior-Senior Banquet on April 9 was one of the high lights of our senior year.

This last year has really marked an era of increased activity on the part of the senior class.

In addition to publishing a printed newspaper we are putting out Bessemer's first printed annual. Bill Wood, Mrs. Garland Clapp, our faculty adviser, and other members of the staff have spent many hours on this project. Arrie Ammons not only sold the most ads for our annual, won both a school and county prize in the Soil Conservation Contest, but was winner in the Dress Making Contest for North Carolina sponsored by the D. A. R.

Erleene Bason was chosen Queen in Greensboro's second annual March of Styles beauty contest.

The magnificent stage production, "Who Wouldn't Be Crazy," one of the most important achievements of the year, had an entire senior cast with the exception of one character.

The stage was so crowded for any program where a good many people were participating that we are leaving as our gift to the school an extended apron to it.

Indeed the days spent as seniors at Bessemer High School have been happy, busy ones. We are proud of all our accomplishments, but our Annual, THE SPOT LIGHT, really stands out above them all.

### CLASS MOTTO

*"We ask not for the world, only a place in it."*

### CLASS FLOWER

Red Rose

### CLASS COLORS

Red and White

### SENIOR PRAYER

By JAMES BREWER

With memories still lingering, we bid farewell,

To thee Bessemer, our Alma Mater dear.

A world of confusion awaits us just ahead;

These are troubled times—of war and strife we hear.

Thankful to Thee for guidance through former years,

Lord, may we never falter nor go astray.

Our ideals, a heritage we hold most dear;

And with God's help we shall preserve it always.

Help us each to face the Future unafraid,

With an undimmed vision, make us strong in might.

God, strengthen, lead, and guide us in Thine own way;

We need Thy divine help to do the right.

AMEN.

# CLASS WILL

Bessemer High School  
City of Greensboro  
County of Guilford:

We the Senior Class of 1948, being sound in mind, do hereby declare this to be our last Will and Testament; hereby rendering null and void any former wills and bequests that may have been previously made.

We leave no special instructions regarding our departure, but we hope to be remembered in the days to come for all our many virtues and accomplishments, instead of our few and trivial faults.

It is to be understood that this is the composite will of the forty-five separate souls who are combined into a powerful organization known as the Senior Class.

## ITEM I

To our principal and faculty we leave our thanks for a job well done, as well as the memory of those four short years during which we were under their guidance.

## ITEM II

Oh! You lucky "will be Senior," Juniors that you may be now—you are to be left many varied and valuable possessions and privileges!

First on our list is our immeasurable ability to get things done. Second is a pamphlet on the subject of how to get around certain teachers, and which ones you can't get around. This is valuable literature so don't let the teachers find out about it, as they may change their tactics. You may have our luck—it keeps you out of trouble, Bun's and Brady's—except on Saturday nights, any old papers, answers written in books (French that is!), any old broken pencils or torn notebooks, second hand bubble gum (located under the desks, *stupid!*), Mrs. Clapp (as a homeroom teacher), and last, the honorable and dignified title of *Senior*.

## ITEM III

Give thanks O lowly Sophomore, along with the allegedly honorable title of Junior, you are being left the well known nerve of the Seniors. Use it well and your pathway will be smoothed by it, but remember that a man's hardest fall is over his own bluff. The rest of our patience we bequeath to you also, for you will be in sore need of it when these cocky Juniors have come into their own as Seniors. Lastly, we have for you our most prized possession, our good will.

## ITEM IV

Freshmen, read and rejoice. Such generosity as befalls you, comes only once in a lifetime. Along with the presumptuous rank of Sophomore, you are to be given the privilege of striding up and down the hall as if you were really of some importance. You will be permitted to speak of the graduating class in a reverent manner, of course. Also to you we give our patience, as you will need much of it in order to endure the short-comings of the Juniors.

## ITEM V

To our most recent offspring, the new Freshmen, we leave the honor of reading the famous names and initials artfully carved upon various desks. Also, they have our permission to erect in honor of our Senior Class, a marble shaft incised with the famous names of its honorable members. Last but not least we leave for them a map of the high school, so they won't get lost and stray back to the grades.

## ITEM VI

To the school we give the right to gaze with admiration upon the trophies and to remember the many honors that we have won in the past four years.

## ITEM VII. *Individual Bequests and Bequests of a Lesser Nature*

Bill Lewey wills his honesty to Babe Campbell (who needs it most?)

R. W. Hepler leaves his romantic and athletic abilities to Tommy "Eager" Beaver (who is in need also).

John Allen bequeaths his breath-taking build to Jack "Muscles" Tuttle—a noble gesture.

Arrie Ammons wills her bathing beauty figure to Betty Woodard.

J. B. Wyrick leaves . . . (he hopes) . . . contented.

J. B. Barber leaves his good looks and personality to Juan and Bob (who gets What?)

Peggy Kelly leaves her great store of social information (that's gossip) to Mildred Jenkins.



Frances Robinson leaves her gangster look (brr-r-r-r) to any one who can manage it.

Richard "Packy" Trollinger wills his personality to the whole Junior Class.

Virginia Ferguson bequeaths her alleged sophistication to that lucky girl, Jeanette "Swing It" Tussey.

Mary Ann Phillips wills her great knowledge to the entire Junior Class, in hopes that when it is divided among them, they will be intelligent enough to at least pass their work. She also wills her pug nose to Roger Lowdermilk in hopes a compromise between the two will bring a fair result to both.

Foy Royal and Fay Donnell will their silliness to David and Bobbie Jean.

Marion Gerringer leaves her innocence to Mary Ellen Hulon.

Hank Burney says, "Well, I think I'll just leave and be glad to get out, by gum."

Bill Ellis leaves his wit and gag-pulling to "Hands" Clendenin.

Anna Laurie Jordan wills her fair weather curls to all the high school girls whose hair is naturally straight. Among them, they may be able to get a curl apiece. We certainly hope so!

Frances Blake and Marjorie Maness will their quietness and shy manner to their friends, Ernestine Leonard and Ann Dixon.

Nancy Williams and Bobby Chambers will their attractiveness to the two lucky stiff's winning the title next year.

Walter Cagle bequeaths his laziness and ambition of not having to work to Herbert Needham and Buddy McDaniel.

Bill Wood leaves his managing ability to Bill Bigham and David Starr. They are free to divide the headaches between them.

Dot Sharpe wills her ability to make with the gab-gab to Annie Laurie Harris.

R. L. Swing bequeaths his weight and influence to Jimmy Apple.

The "Big Four"—Ellen Hackett, Jewell Motley, Cedelia Wagoner, and Frances Bush—leave their organization to any four girls in high school who want to take over.

Lucille "Sis" Woodard leaves her sweet disposition and ability to get along with people to Barbara Taylor.

Rebecca Lowdermilk bequeaths her ability to play the piano to Sammy Blake!

Guy Beaver bequeaths his height and, as he says, his good looks to that dashing man about town, Herbert Jones.

Martha Ingold is the proud receiver of Billie Sue Long's, or shall we say Williams', ability to get "That Man."

James Brewer, the woman charmer, hopes there will be someone to take his place next year. Don't all you Junior boys jump at once!

The three stooges of the Senior Class—Iris O'Ferrell, Gypsie Barckman, and Betty Squires—regret there is no one with whom to leave their conspiracy with Miss Guill.

Morris Whitley leaves his red hair to Charles Cooper who got a "new-look" hair-cut and lost his.

James Hall regrets that David Nance's station wagon will have to replace his "great big Jeep" next year. Don't cry, James.

Katie Hill's place as soloist of the present graduating class will naturally be filled by Peggy Nave.

The coveted honor of being the best dressed Senior girl is passed from Norma Lee Lowdermilk to Pearl Kornegay.

Rachel Lowe and Geraldine O'Briant want to leave their undying friendship to Martha DeLancey and Mary Elizabeth Hill.

Harold Teeter, our walking encyclopedia, leaves his great store of knowledge to Keith Smith.

The Senior Class will take with them the style Queen—Erleene Bason, but we will leave the happy memory to those who attend classes with her.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-fourth day of the fifth month of the one thousand, nine hundred and forty-eighth year of our Lord.

Witnesses:

GUY M. BEAVER.

MR. W. H. CUDE, *Principal*

MRS. EDNA R. CLAPP

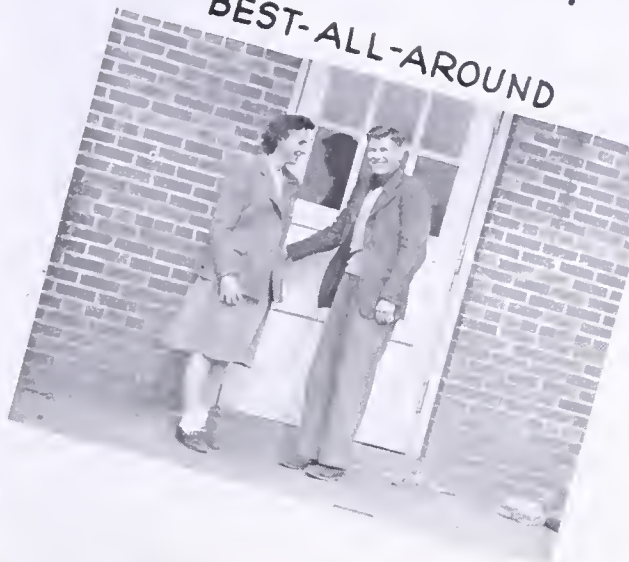
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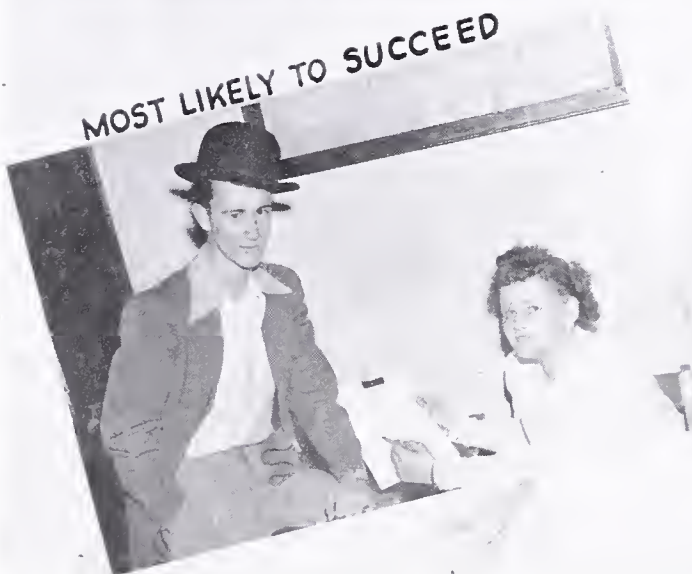
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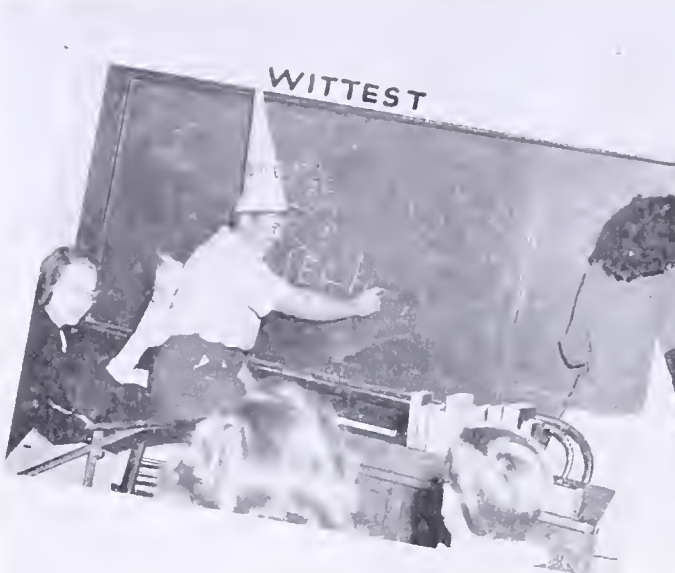
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## WHO'S WHO IN THE SENIOR CLASS

John Allen	Breath takingly built
J. B. Barber	Sincere in manner and thought
Guy Beaver	Daddy Long Legs
James Brewer	Atlas, Jr.
Walter Cagle	"Devilish"
Robert R. Chambers	POP
William Ellis	Lengthy orator
James Hall	Man with a jeep
R. W. Hepler	Ladies' Charmer
William Lewey	Unassuming
Foy Royal	Perpetual fear of rain
R. L. Swing	Where ever seen means accurate weight
Richard Trollinger	Curly-haired baby
Harold Teeter	Knows a little bit about a lot of things
Morris Whitley	Spirited red-head
William B. Wood	Supreme Authority
J. B. Wyrick	Good for nothing but love
Arrie Ammons	Co-operative spirit
Erleene Bason	Much ado about nothing
Gypsie Berckman	Essential technician
Frances Blake	Evident but not effervescent
Frances Bush	The stranger
Fay Donnell	She who talks most and says least
Virginia Ferguson	Answer to patients' prayers
Marion Gerringer	Short, cute and studious
Ellen Hackett	Beautiful blue eyes
Katie Hill	Surprising soprano
Peggy Kelly	Lover of horses
Anna Laurie Jordan	"Plum" sincere
Rebecca Lowdermilk	Musically minded
Norma Lowdermilk	Unfiery redhead.
Rachel Lowe	Attractive homemaker
Marjorie Maness	Retiring
Jewel Motley	Beautifully adorned
Geraldine O'Briant	Dream date
Iris O'Ferrell	Attractive personality
Mary Ann Phillips	Unpredictable
Frances Robinson	Big flirt
Dorothy Sharpe	Cheerful chatterer
Betty Squires	Girl with the inside job
Cedelia Wagoner	Likable
Lucille Woodard	Jovial
Nancy Williams	Homemaker's inspiration
Billie Sue Long	Matrimonially inclined



## CLASS PROPHECY

By KATIE HILL

Tired, mentally tired, but thoughts are too persistent to really welcome slumber! I need help in accomplishing this special task of foreseeing what the future holds for the senior students of Bessemer High School. Too worn out to think further, I sit underneath the old oak, just day dreaming—or I thought so. All at once the winged child, Morpheus, who fashions the dreams of mortals, is beckoning me to come with him.

Swiftly he leads me through the years to a magnificent city of modern design. Here in this great metropolis people have gathered from all parts of the globe to see a parade of the most outstanding people of the world. There are many people of renown, but I am most interested in my classmates of Bessemer High School who are now taking their places in the world.

Heading this parade is none other than dear old Mary Ann Phillips, who is one of America's best known society editors.

Next in line are Professor Bill Lewey and his faithful wife, Marion Gerringer, who works with him in his famous Cancer Research Laboratory.

Following these I see R. W. Hepler and his schoolgirl sweetheart, Cedelia Wagoner. They are now married, and he, Cedelia, and their six boys are fast gaining fame as "The Helpers and Their Sextet Basketball Team."

Next in line comes the well-known Walter Cagle, who is working as chief engineer on the Burma Road. He is known as the famous bachelor who left a girl or sweetheart on every road.

Then I see Richard Trollinger and J. B. Wyrick who are associated with the famous Jones and Tucker Transfer Co., J. B. as owner and Richard as co-owner.

Following come Lucille Woodard and Geraldine O'Briant, who are now serving as head nurses for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation of America.

Next are Bill Wood and Virginia Ferguson, that beloved couple, whom the world will remember as two who have contributed much in a medical way for the betterment of humanity.

Then there are Anna Laurie Jordan and her husband who own and operate one of the largest cattle ranches in the world.

There comes next in line Dr. Hank Burney, a famous educator of Harvard University.

Then there is that famous old maid of the crowd, Peggy Kelly, who has been married five times. (Peggy always said that her only love was her beautiful horse, Spitfire.)

Dot Sharpe is one of the paraders. She nursed that famous millionaire, Howard Hughes, back to health after his nearly fatal airplane crash.

Frances Robinson, head of the Training School for Air Hostesses, and her assistant, Rachel Lowe, come next.

Two other famous people I see are Gypsy Berckman and J. B. Barber, who have been given recognition for their work in the mission field by Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

Bobby Chambers, who is known for his expert sales talks is another in the procession.

Jewell Motley and her husband who have won fame as owners of the famous restaurant, Breakfast in the Desert Town, are next.

Arrie Ammons comes next as a famous Parisian designer. The Associated Press is reporting now her work of designing a trousseau for the second marriage of Queen Eliza-



beth. Norma Lee Lowdermilk, famous the world over for her lovely flowers grown in her own home garden, "The Garden of Eden," has been selected to decorate Buckingham Palace for the wedding.

I see next Morris Whitley and James Hall. They are famous for the building of London Bridge after the first bridge had given away.

Following these come our first lady of the stage, Nancy Williams, who has taken the place of the late Catherine Cornell.

Next I see the Romeo of stage and screen, Bill Ellis, who loves all the women, be they white or red.

James Brewer, who has gained fame from his trip around the world in his plane, "The Constellation," walks by. He broke the speed record with a two-hour non-stop flight.

Next comes Rebecca Lowdermilk, a famous little lady, who is well known for her organ compositions.

Foy Royal, head of the Pharmaceutical Association of America, is known for his interpretation of Latin formulas.

Two other famous people in line are Frances Bush and Ellen Hackett, who have helped thousands of boys and girls to find themselves in life.

The parade moves on and I see Frances Blake and Marjorie Maness, who have contributed much to our modern hair-styles.

A sight causing much speculation from the crowds, is the millionaire, Guy Beaver, who is being carried on a magnificent bed borne by seven Chinese coolies.

Next in line is John Allen, head of the Nut and Bolt Co. (I remember his saying, "Nuts will be nuts!")

The talented lady next in line is the famous novelist, Betty Squires, who is now writing a sequence of her life's romance, *He Didn't Come*. This second book is entitled, *I Have Not Given Up Hope*.

Following I see Iris O'Ferrell, a famous Scout leader, who has scouted her way over the Swiss mountains.

Hal Teeter comes next in line. He who needs no introduction is the famous editor of *Times Magazine*.

Another attraction of the parade is Erleene Bason, who is said to be one of the ten most beautifully dressed women in the world.

Another famous person I see is R. L. Swing, who is the world's most famous magician. One of his well known tricks is the feat of plucking coins out of the air.

Last, comes the well known baby sister, Fay Donnell, who has edited the booklet, "How to Care for Babies."

My dreaming was interrupted by my mother's calling, "It's time to go to glee club practice, Katie." My companion left me as quickly as he came—and I must dress to catch the trolley, but I shall treasure this insight I've had into the lives of the Senior Class of '48. My vision of each is a symbol of the worthwhile person each has possibilities of becoming.

## JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



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### CLASS ROLL

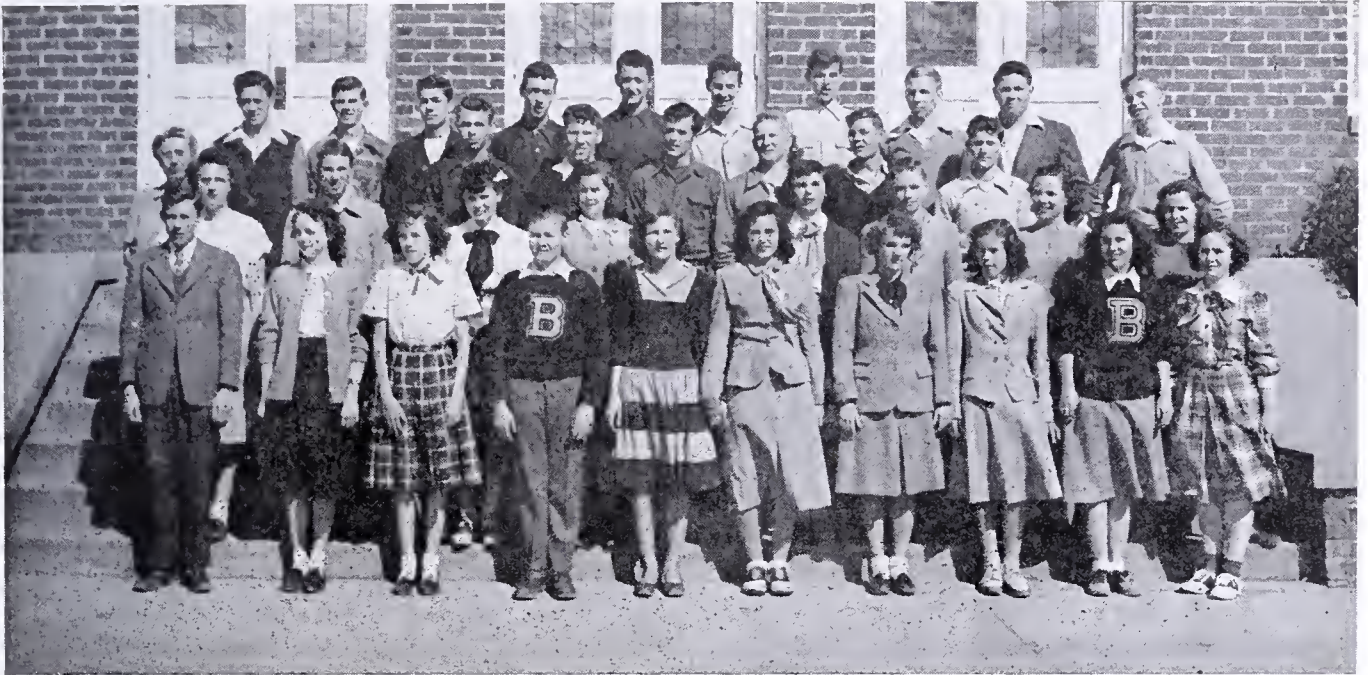
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Mary Elizabeth Hill  
 Mildred Jenkins  
 Herbert Jones  
 Myrtle Kinley  
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 Mary Frances Leonard  
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## JUNIOR CLASS



## MARSHALS



Pearl Kornegay, Annie Laurie Harris, Chief; Barbara Taylor, David Starr and Bill Bigham.



## SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS



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Treasurer .....	Bill Parr

### CLASS ROLL

#### MISS GUILL'S HOMEROOM

Louise Apple	Coleen Hacket	Frances Needham
Jean Bailey	Dot Hepler	Shirley Pittman
Arletta Caddell	Mary Hulon	Ruth Pitts
June Calhoun	Jean Hoke	Glenness Riddle
LaDonne Cooper	Martha Ingold	Betty Jean Shelly
Georgia Davis	Iris Jenkins	Dot Turner
Marie Deaton	Betty Jean Land	Nancy Ward
Erma Ellis	Mary Long	Mary Louise Wilson
Vivian Frye	Ann Moore	Betty Jane Woodard

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Tommy Beavers	Joe Lineberry	Chester Strickland
Albert Bigham	Jasper Miller	Robert Strickland
Robert Clendenin	Marvin Miller	William Turner
Jerry Coble	William Parr	David Wagoner
William Fryar	David Pickard	Dick Watkins
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William Lane	William Russell	David Wray



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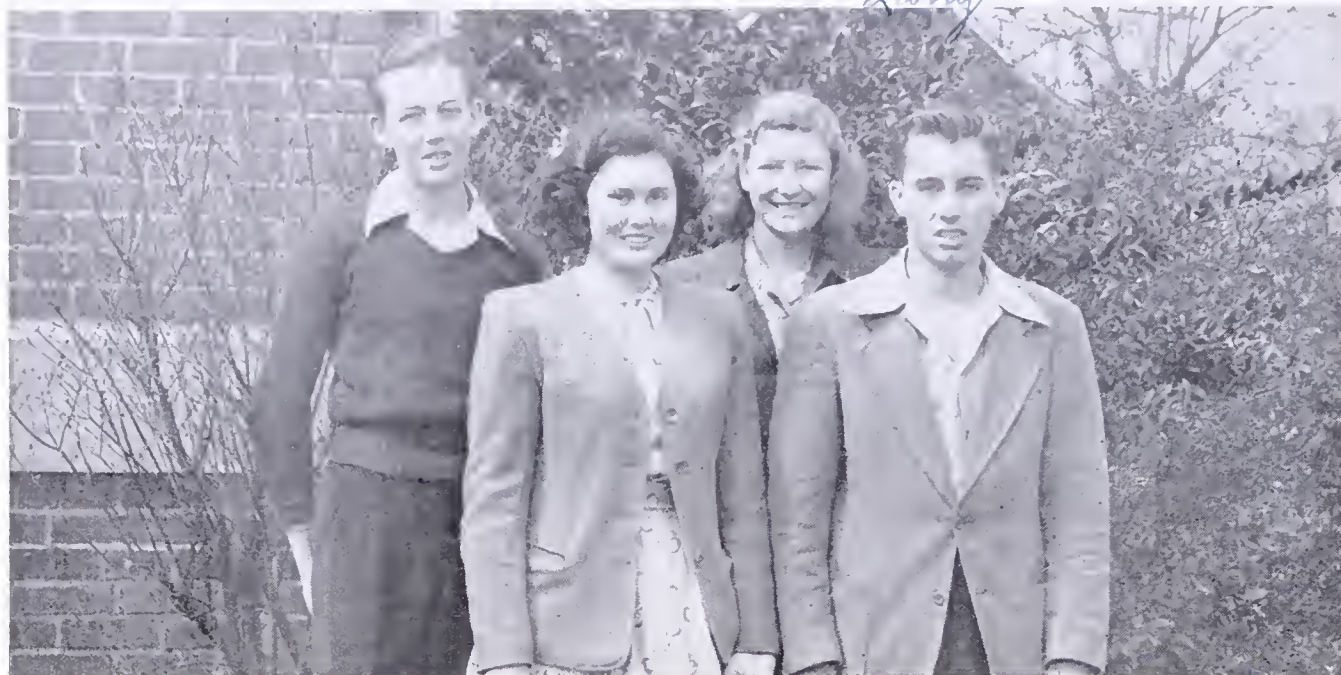


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## FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS



President .....	Larry Allen
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Secretary .....	Louise Douglas
Treasurer .....	Ann Wilson

## CLASS ROLL

### MISS ROBERTSON'S HOMEROOM

Betty Bunton	Joretta Hall	Marjorie Oldman
Delores Carroll	Nancy Hill	Joan Routh
Eleanor Clapp	Wanda Loy Kinley	Margaret Smith
Betty Cockman	Rachel Lloyd	Ferry Thompson
Peggy Cooke	Janet Marsh	Marie Todd
Glyndora Dixon	Helen Matthews	Jeanette Tussey
Louise Douglas	Kay Montgomery	Ann Wilson
Josephine Gillis	Carolyn Murray	

### MRS. ALLEN'S HOMEROOM

Clyde Adams	Reuben Leonard	Frank Welch
Larry Allen	Norman Lovings	Frank White
Jimmy Apple	Curtis McDonald	Dale Wood
Claude Bartley	Sammy Morse	Tommy Woodard
O'Neil Blake	Gene Murr	Jimmy Ziegler
Wesley Brady	Bobby Oakes	Nancy Blevins
Ervin Chambers	Joe Ridge	Peggy Fowler
George Collier, Jr.	Lindsay Simpson	Betty Meadows
John Cranford	Ernest Smith	Barbara Reddick
William DeLancey	Harvey Lee Starr	Doris Robertson
Lyndo Doggett	Gene Thompson	Carolyn Starr
Carson Frye		



MISS ROBERTSON'S HOMEROOM



MRS. ALLEN'S HOMEROOM





## ANNUAL STAFF



Seated: Mrs. Edna R. Clapp, Faculty Adviser; Marion Gerringer, Business Manager; Mary Ann Phillips, Assistant Editor-in-Chief; Gypsie Berckman, Advertising Editor; Bill Wood, Editor-in-Chief. Standing: Virginia Ferguson, Assistant Editor; Anna Laurie Jordan, Art Editor; James Brewer, Activities Editor; Arrie Ammons, Advertising; Peggy Ann Kelly, Advertising; Harold Teeter, Art; Iris O'Ferrell, Assistant Advertising Editor.

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The Annual Staff by much serious thought and hard work has produced this first issue of THE SPOT LIGHT. Much time was spent in studying other annuals, organizing, and arranging the material for this yearbook. Not only have we as members of the staff worked hard on this project, but the Commercial Department has given us valuable assistance.



## GLEE CLUB



The Glee Club under the direction of Mr. Maurice Bunting and Mrs. B. I. Hoffner is made up of students from the eighth grades and the high school.

## DRAMATICS CLUB



Seated: Bill Ellis, Erleene Bason, Mary Ann Phillips, Dot Sharpe, Barbara Taylor, Bobby Chambers, Iris O'Ferrell, Bill Wood, Virginia Ferguson, Nancy Williams, and Walter Cagle. Standing: Peggy Ann Kelly, Miss Dixie Guill, Director; Harold Teeter, Guy Beaver, James Brewer, Betty Squires, and Lucille Woodard.



# THE MOUTH PIECE STAFF



Seated: Virginia Ferguson, Society Editor; Gypsie Berckman, News Editor; Bill Wood, Editor-in-Chief; Mary Ann Phillips, Associate and Managing Editor; Barbara Taylor, Assistant News Editor.

Standing: Dot Sharpe, Gossip Editor; Arrie Ammons, Advertising; James Brewer, Club Reporter; Erleene Bason, Grade Reporter; Anna Laurie Jordan, Advertising; Charles Cooper, Sports Editor; Mr. W. H. Cude, Faculty Adviser; Walter Cagle, Humor Editor; Mrs. Edna R. Clapp, Faculty Adviser; Rebecca Lowdermilk, Advertising; Iris O'Ferrell, Advertising; Marion Gerring, Advertising; Herbert Needham, Assistant Sports Editor; Fay Donnell, Advertising; Betty Squires, Humor Editor.

This is the first time Bessemer High School has had a printed newspaper. To publish a monthly paper was a big undertaking, but by hard work, THE MOUTH PIECE has been published for eight successive months. We owe much of the credit for the success of this publication to Mr. Percy Starr, and his son Bill, who have helped us in the organization, setting of type, and getting it to the printer. We appreciate also the aid and support of our advertisers and any others who have helped us in this project in any way.



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## FOOTBALL SQUAD



Kneeling: David Wray, Herbert Needham, Norman Lovings, Colin Campbell, R. W. Hepler, Bobby Clendenin, Paul Barber, Manager.  
 Second Row: Charles Cooper, Richard Trollinger, Keith Smith, Joe Whiteside, Bobby Sharpe, Robert Snuggs, Bill Ellis, Herbert Jones, Mr. Warren Omohundro, Coach.  
 Third Row: Joe Lineberry, Tom Beaver, Melvin Rich, Juan Spanolia, David Nance, Tommy Russell, Roger Lowdermilk, Bill Smith, R. L. Swing, Charles Sheppard.

## ALL COUNTY BOYS



Front Row: R. L. Swing, Tackle; Richard Trollinger, Guard.  
 Back Row: Colin Campbell, End, R. W. Hepler, Half-Back; David Nance, Quarterback.

These boys, members of the Guilford County Football Squad, were chosen to make up this team by vote of the Coaches from all the county schools.



## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



Kneeling: Dot Hepler, Louise Apple, Betty Woodard, Ann Moore, Joan Hoke.  
 Second Row: Martha Ingold, Mary Long, Mary Louise Wilson, Dot Turner, Erleene Bason, Mary Ann Phillips, Iris Jenkins, Manager.  
 Third Row: Mr. W. H. Cude, Principal; Dot Richards, Cedelia Wagoner, Marie Deaton, LaDonne Cooper, Shirley Pittman, Georgia Davis, Mr. Warren Omohundro, Coach.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL SQUAD



Front Row: Mr. W. H. Cude, Principal; Herbert Jones, David Nance, Porter Lowdermilk, Juan Spanolia, Bobby Sharpe, Mr. Warren Omohundro, Coach.  
 Second Row: Bobby Clendenin, Walter Cagle, Guy Beaver, R. W. Hepler, Colin Campbell, J. B. Wyrick, Manager.



## BASEBALL TEAM



Seated: Albert Bigham, Bobby Strickland, Joe Lineberry, Paul Barber, Bobby Clendenin, David Nance, J. B. Barber, Bobby Sharpe, Porter Lowdermilk, Jack Tuttle, and R. W. Hepler.  
 Standing: Keith Smith, Score Keeper; Jimmy Ziegler, Manager; Buddy McDaniel, Herbert Jones, Billy Fryar, Colin Campbell, Eugene Bryson, Tommy Russell, and Mr. Warren Omohundro, Coach.

## MONOGRAM CLUB



The Monogram Club is an organization made up of those students who have won their letters by participating in athletics either as players or as cheerleaders.







## BESSEMER BASEBALL CLUB OF 1912



Left to right, front row: Herman C. Wilson, 3rd base; Charles C. Wimbish, short stop; Alex B. Fraley, catcher; Robert L. Whittemore, left field; W. Clark Nance, utility. Standing, left to right: M. C. Donnell, 2nd base and captain; R. E. Lowdermilk, right field; Thos. C. Boone, center field; Professor W. E. Younts, school principal; Floyd M. Buchanan, 1st base; W. Paul Landreth, pitcher; J. Lane Thomas, utility.

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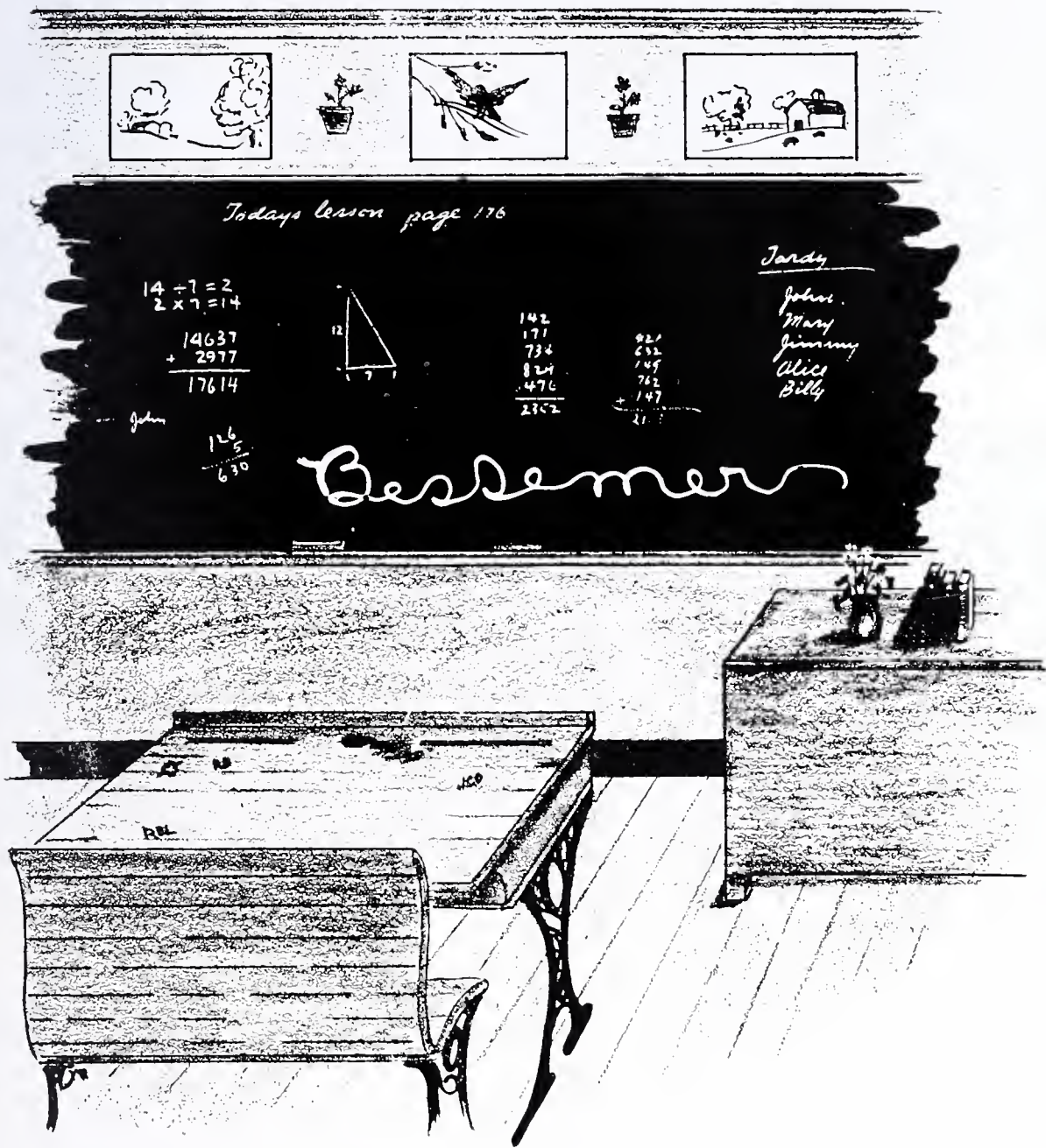
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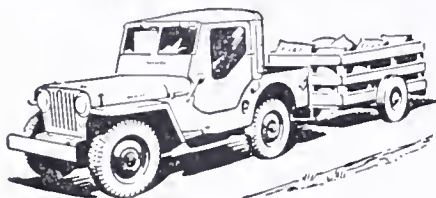




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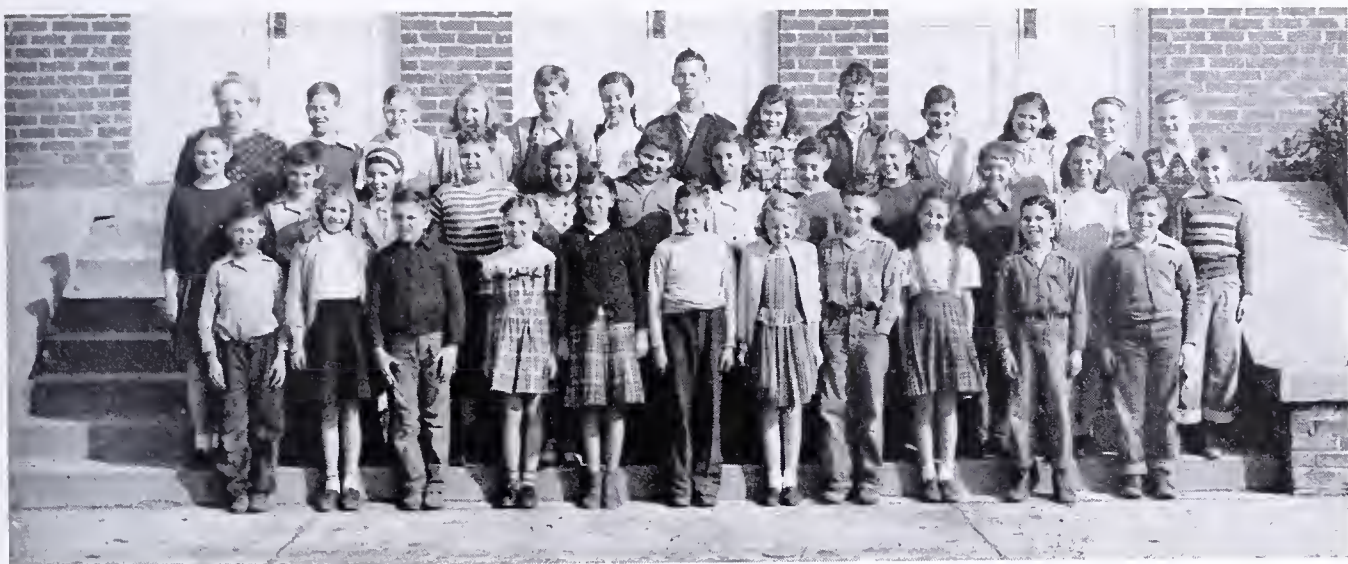
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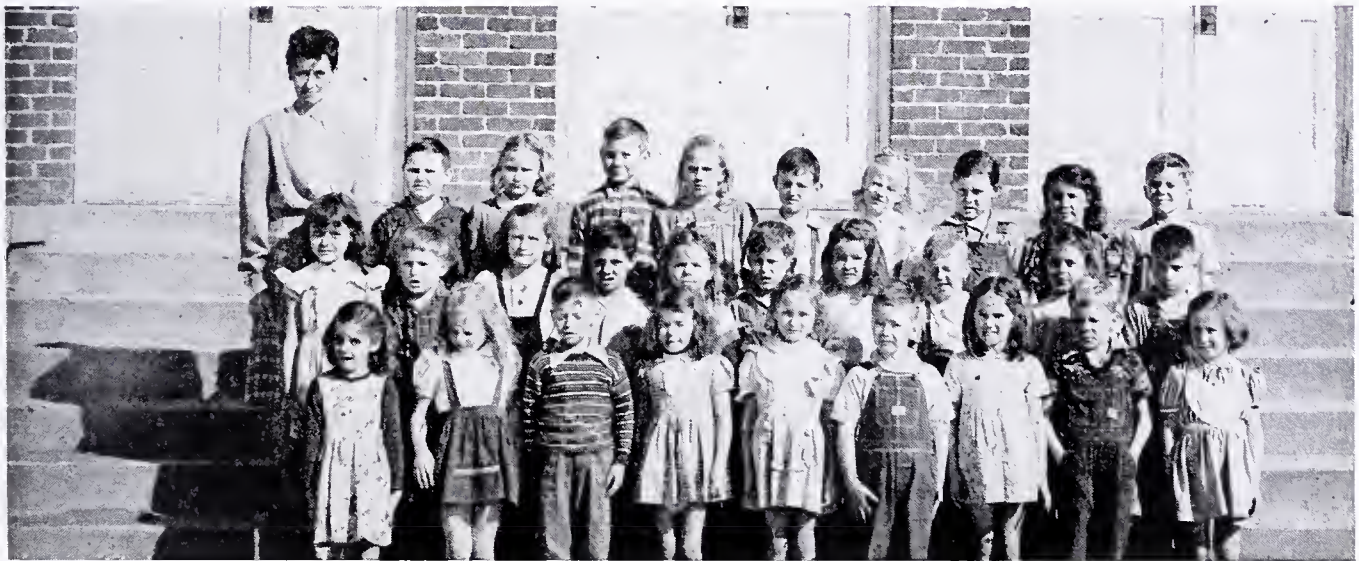
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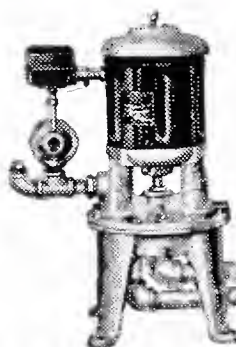
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To a Very Nice Girl

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